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SUBJ: TURKISH SCULPTURE FOR WHITE HOUSE

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1. KADRUNISSA AYDEMIR, WIFE OF RETIRED ENGINEER, IS A WELL-KNOWN TURKISH SCULPTRESS, WORKING IN WOOD AND METAL. FOLLOWING AN EXHIBIT OF HER RECENT WORK AT THE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, MRS. AYDEMIR EXPRESSED DESIRE TO DONATE CARVING OF AN EAGLE TO PRESIDENT FORD IN HONOR BICENTENNIAL. THE SCULPTURE, WHICH MEASURES 60 CENTIMETRES HIGH AND 75 CM. WIDE, WAS CARVED FROM WOOD OF 400 YEAR-OLD CHESTNUT TREE FROM ISTANBUL'S BELGRADE FOREST.

2. CHECKS WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES SHOW MRS. AYDEMIR HAS NO POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS WHICH COULD EMBARRASS US GOVT. SHE ENJOYS GOOD REPUTATION AS MODERN TURKISH SCULPTRESS. WE VIEW GESTURE AS INDICATION OF GENUINE FREINDLINESS TOWARD US, AND RECOMMEND SCULPTURE'S ACCEPTANCE BY HARTMANN ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD. IF DESIRED, WE CAN POUCH PHOTO OF SCULPTURE AND CATALOGUE OF USIS EXHIBITION IF IT WOULD HELP IN REACHING DECISION.
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